

# TOPS Stewardship Update

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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# TOPS Staffing

- Permanent Park Ranger positions
- Three seasonal rangers/interpreters (one at “lead” level), three FT
- Three conservation technicians – two FT, one PT

# Seasonal Training

- Park overviews
- Radio use
- Visitor interactions
- Power tool and mower use
- Trailing



# Seasonal Training



- GPS use and data collection methods
- Noxious weed identification and management
- Climbing/scrambling protocols
- Trail work day with Mile High Youth Corps



# Seasonal Training



# Staff Support

- Renovated work area
- New computer workstations
- Well-equipped backpacks
- Radios
- Uniforms





**RMFI**  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIELD INSTITUTE



# TOPS Stewardship Contract

- Rocky Mountain Field Institute awarded contract
- Project priorities were identified in Stratton Open Space, Red Rock Canyon, Ute Valley Park, University Park, and Blodgett Peak Open Space.
- RMFI hired additional staff for the projects and began work in late May



# Stratton Open Space Stewardship Project “Site 1”:

- Installation of drop structures
- Regrading
- Hardening of drop area





## Stratton Open Space Stewardship Project

“Site G”: Close and restore social trails (“rogue trails”).

- Grading and drainage management
- Visual closure, blending, and barrier
- Transplanting native vegetation



# Additional Projects in Process

- More frequent restroom cleanings and additional unit(s)
- Vehicles
- Animal Law Enforcement extra-duty
- Weed control – biological and chemical
- Additional supplies



“Life throws challenges and every challenge comes with rainbows and lights to conquer it.”  
— Amit Ray, *World Peace: The Voice of a Mountain Bird*